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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Chinese Patent Application No. CN 1438492A, published August 27, 2003, and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 7,073,111 B2, issued July 4, 2006, and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/242511 A1, published October 26, 2006.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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